GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Forest Encroachment
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the incidents of encroachment in the reserved forest areas of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
(b) whether the Government has fixed any accountability in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) As per the reports received from States / UTs government the details of the area under encroachment in the forest areas are given in Annexure − I.

(b) Protection and management of forest areas is primarily the responsibility of respective State / UT Governments. Action against any offence including encroachment is taken under the relevant provisions of various Acts and Rules.

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